Changing composition of drugs

2132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of Central Legislation in making it mandatory for all pharmaceutical companies of India to register their trade names and formulations of their medicines, is helping drugs manufacturers to change the composition of fast moving drugs without changing the brand names, for commercial benefits; and

(b) if so, what corrective measures Government are taking to streamline the drug manufacturing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, it is not mandatory to require pharmaceutical manufacturers to register the trade names of their formulations. However, approval of durgs formulations along with their brand name is granted by the concerned State Licensing Authorities. Manufacturers may sometime modify the composition of their formulation in order to improve it or to substitute an obsolete active ingredient while retaining the same brand name and indications after taking mandatory approval from the respective State Drug Authority after taking necessary approval from respective State Drugs Control.

Central Legislation on Medical Admissions

2133. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to frame Central Legislation regarding medical admissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 31.10.2002 in the T.M.A. Pai Foundation case, the Central Government had issued